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PAYMENT OF ALL THE
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TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF

Missouri Defence Bond.

THIRTY YEARS

AFTER DATE

450

STATE

MISSOURI

Pay to the Bearer

FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS.

Issued April 3, 1864

Commissioners of the State of Missouri, by

James C. Fisher

Treasurer of the State of Missouri.

John A. Bohn

Keatinge & Hall, Columbia, S.C.

Commiss.



MEMO from



MR & MRS JOHN J HALLY SR
SIX STREET ROAD
NEWTOWN SQ. PA. 19073-1014

Money Museum
c/o Mercantile Bank of St Louis.
8th and Locust St.
PO Box 524.
St Louis. Mo. 63166.

Dear Staff,
A relative from Ireland
found this among his dad's
effects and wonders if
this has any collectable
value. If so would you
let me know given its
missing right corner.
(See copy attached.)

Thanks Very Much

Sincerely
John Hally



**Mercantile
Money Museum**

Mercantile Tower
Seventh & Washington
St. Louis, Mo. 63101
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John J. Hally Sr.
Six Street Rd.
Newtown Square, PA 19073-1014

December 10, 1993

Dear Mr. Hally:

Thank you for your undated letter which we received today. The photocopy of a \$4.50 Missouri Defence Bond which you sent us was very interesting.

This particular bond as you noted is rather badly damaged and because there are specimens in uncirculated condition, the bond is not really valuable. Your bond (or your relative's bond) is interesting on several accounts. The \$4.50 denomination is relatively scarce, and these bonds are nearly always without signatures as the vast majority of surviving examples were remainders and unissued. Your bond has signatures.

It appears that your bond has been altered at some time. The alterations include the signatures on the bond and the date April 3, 1866. Also, if the bond had been properly issued, the serial number would have been filled in rather than left blank as it appears on your bond. The issuing authority for this bond was the Confederate forces of Missouri which set up provisional government in Springfield, MO, and tried to raise money and bring Missouri into the Confederacy. They had been completely defeated and disbanded long before April of 1866, as the entire war was over by that time and efforts to raise or borrow money had long ceased. The Confederate State Commissioner of Missouri was a man named Shields and the other known countersigner of Missouri Confederate bonds was a man named Jackson. Neither of the signatures on your bond belong to either of these men. Whether the bond itself is a counterfeit is impossible to determine from the photocopy. There is a fairly good chance that it is a genuine remainder that someone embellished.

Given the above alterations and the condition of the bond, we believe it to have very minimal value as a collectible, although it does make for an interesting conversation piece.

Sincerely,

Thomas Serfass
Curator